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AGE: 52 years

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SPOUSE'S NAME: Edward

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Caitlyn, Haley, Sarah,

5 grandchildren

OCCUPATION: Public School Teacher

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 52 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage/Eagle River 1970-1991, 1999-2001; Fairbanks 1991-1993; Palmer 2001-Present

EDUCATION:

Chugiak High School 1984-1988 UAF, (general studies) 1988-1992 Coastal Carolina University, (BA.Ed.) 1996-1997 Grand Canyon University (Master of Arts Teaching) 2005-2007 Wilkes University (MS.Ed.) 2010-2012

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Vice President & Board Member, NEA-Alaska
Vice President & Board Member AEA
Trustee, Public Education Health Trust
Member, Alaska's Education Challenge, Modernization
& Finance committee

K-12 Education Advisor, 3.14 Academy (Autism awareness nonprofit)

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

NAACP

ACBE (Alaska Coalition of BIPOC Educators)

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Reading, baking, crafting, grandchildren

STATEMENT:

I'm running because I want Alaskans, including my five grandchildren, to have a bright future. I have a vested interest in Alaska's future. I believe in an Alaska that looks ahead with hope. My husband, Ed, a veteran of the US Air Force, and I are fortunate that our three daughters and five grandchildren live in Alaska.

I believe building blocks of a bright future for our state include: a robust fiscal plan (including Alaskans' fair share of oil revenue), jobs providing living wages, quality public education, and assured protection of our civil rights and right to privacy.

I know quality public education is a foundational equalizer. I believe students deserve a quality public education. Alaska's students should be successful in college or vocation-technology education. Students should be able to use their skills and knowledge in the workforce and contribute to their community's economy.

I am not a typical politician. My years of advocacy and leadership experience, combined with working with legislators, brings new energy and change to status quo politics. It is time to build a better, brighter future for Alaska and Alaskans. It is time to vote, not for a party, but for commitment, integrity, and Alaska's future.

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